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**HENRY, J. MILTON, COLLECTION  
OF  
LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES PROJECT PAPERS  
1650-1969**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The J. Milton Henry Collection of Land Between the Lakes Project Papers, 1650-1969, which concern primarily Stewart County, Tennessee, were compiled for the writing of the history of the Land Between the Lakes area for the Tennessee Valley Authority by Dr. J. Milton Henry, Professor of History at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, who served as director of this historical project. The Land Between the Lakes Project papers were given to the State Library and Archives by Dr. J. Milton Henry of Clarksville, Tennessee on April 26, 1972.

The materials in this finding aid measure 3.78 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the J. Milton Henry Collection of Land Between the Lakes Project Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

During the years 1965-1968, the History Department of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, under a contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority was engaged in a program to gather materials and write a history of the area between Barkley Lake on the Cumberland River and Kentucky Lake on the Tennessee River. This project was under the direction of Dr. J. Milton Henry, Professor of History at Austin Peay State University. During the course of this work and in addition to overall project, articles on specific portions of the study were also written.

The geographical area included in the project consists of approximately 90,000 acres and includes portions of Stewart County, Tennessee, and Trigg and Lyon Counties, Kentucky.

Area records included in this collection pertain primarily to Stewart County, Tennessee and consist of business papers, cemetery records, church records, correspondence, genealogical data, government documents, legal documents, newspaper clippings, personal interviews, photographs of historical artifacts, buildings, and sites, and school records. Additional data was drawn from various libraries and repositories throughout the country including those of several major universities and the Library of Congress.

The correspondence included in the collection is primarily the outgoing correspondence of J. Milton Henry for the years 1966-1969. Among Dr. Henry's most frequent correspondents were various officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority Land Between the Lakes Project with headquarters at Golden Pond, Kentucky, including Robert H. Douglas, Fred B. Fields (at Knoxville, Tennessee), Robert M. Howes, W. Sherrill Milliken, and Harold Vann Morgan. Other prominent correspondents are Lester Acree of Greenville, Mississippi; Herbert Champion of Princeton, Kentucky; Roger H. Futrell of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Mike E. Lane of Murray, Kentucky; Dr. M. H. Moseley of Eddyville, Kentucky; and W. S. Nickell of Louisville, Kentucky. Topics discussed in this correspondence include anthropology records, Bible records, biographical sketches, cemetery records, Chinese laborers employed in iron works, church records, Civil War battles, filed trips, geographic sites, genealogical data, historical markers, Indian artifacts, interviews, inventions, iron furnaces, land grants, maps, night riders, oil industry, photographs of artifacts and buildings, post offices, preservation of historic buildings, progress reports, publication of the project manuscript, schools, and steamboat landings on the lower Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers.

The remaining correspondence is that of James Joseph Hallums (1843-1911) and consists of four Civil War letters dated 1862-1864. In his letters addressed to members of his family Hallums, a private in Company A, 30<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment, C.S.A., describes the work on the fortifications at Fort Donelson before its surrender in February 1862, prison conditions at Camp Butler, Illinois, the Atlanta campaign during which he was wounded near Resaca, Georgia in May, 1864, and his convalescence in Montgomery Alabama.

Church records are available for several Church of Christ congregations, for the Stewart County Baptist Association, and for Baptist churches at Model, Nevil's Creek, and Rushing's Creek.

Information concerning the iron industry is available for the Great Western Furnace, Iron Mountain Furnace, and the Peytona Furnace.

Data is also available for the oil, timber, and whiskey industries as well as for various post offices and villages including Model, Tennessee Ridge, and Tharpe.

Other records include those for commerce and steamboats, freemasonry, nightrider activities, and for schools.

## CONTAINER LIST

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#### **Box 1**

1. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – February 2-June 9, 1966
2. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – June 20-August 11, 1966
3. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – August 16-October 11, 1966
4. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – October 18-December 19, 1966
5. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – January 3-February 13, 1967
6. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – February 16-March 30, 1967
7. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – April 3-May 11, 1967
8. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – May 16-August 17, 1967
9. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – September 6-October 5, 1967
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11. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – November 6-December 19, 1967
12. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – January 2-February 14, 1968
13. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – February 15-May 16, 1968
14. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – May 17-October 30, 1968
15. Correspondence – J. Milton Henry – January 24-June 24, 1969
16. Correspondence – James J. Hallums – 1862-1864
17. Cemetery Records – 1787-1962
18. Cemetery Records – Tennessee Valley Authority – Kentucky, 1780-1938

#### **Box 2**

1. Church Records – Churches of Christ, 1843-1968
2. Church Records – Model Baptist Church, 1917-1967
3. Church Records – Nevil's Creek Baptist Church, 1887-1963
4. Church Records – Nevil's Creek Baptist Church, 1887-1963

#### **Box 3**

1. Church Records – Rushing's Creek Baptist Church – Minutes, 1890-1929
2. Church Records – Stewart County Baptist Association, 1790-1967

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#### **Box 3**

3. Commerce and Steamboats – 1810-1966

#### **Box 4**

1. Genealogical Data – Ables family
2. Genealogical Data – Bailey family

3. Genealogical Data – Barnes family
4. Genealogical Data – Bartee and Sills families
5. Genealogical Data – Bass family
6. Genealogical Data – Bellisle family
7. Genealogical Data – Blanton family
8. Genealogical Data – Boswell family
9. Genealogical Data – Boyd (Boyt) family
10. Genealogical Data – Brandon family
11. Genealogical Data – Brigham family
12. Genealogical Data – Crutcher and Hicks families
13. Genealogical Data – Cunningham and Watson families
14. Genealogical Data – DeGraffenried and Pritchett families
15. Genealogical Data – Dill family (J. D. Dill)
16. Genealogical Data – Downs family
17. Genealogical Data – Elliott, Lassiter, and Owen families

#### **Box 5**

1. Genealogical Data – Fitzhugh family
2. Genealogical Data – Futrell and Vinson families
3. Genealogical Data – Gorham family
4. Genealogical Data – Gray family
5. Genealogical Data – Guerin family
6. Genealogical Data – Herndon family
7. Genealogical Data – Kennerly (Kennerley) family
8. Genealogical Data – McDugal (McDougal) family
9. Genealogical Data – Marberry and Acree families
10. Genealogical Data – Martin family
11. Genealogical Data – Mathes family
12. Genealogical Data – Miles family
13. Genealogical Data – Murphy family
14. Genealogical Data – Nolin family
15. Genealogical Data – Payne family
16. Genealogical Data – Phillips family

#### **Box 6**

1. Genealogical Data – Reed and Whitford families
2. Genealogical Data – Riggins family
3. Genealogical Data – Rushing family
4. Genealogical Data – Scarborough family
5. Genealogical Data – Sexton family
6. Genealogical Data – Skinner family (Nathan Skinner)
7. Genealogical Data – Spiceland family
8. Genealogical Data – Stacker family

9. Genealogical Data – Stewart family
10. Genealogical Data – Sykes family
11. Genealogical Data – Tharpe family (H. H. Tharpe)
12. Genealogical Data – Thomas family (James M. Thomas)
13. Genealogical Data – Tishel family
14. Genealogical Data – Wallace, Seaman, and Spiceland families
15. Genealogical Data – Williams family (William Williams)

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#### **Box 6**

16. Genealogical Data – Wofford family
17. Genealogical Data – Wynns family

#### **Box 7**

1. History – Black, 1886-1892
2. History – Contemporary, 1927-1968
3. History – Freemasonry, 1821-1890
4. Iron Industry – General, 1650-1966
5. Iron Works – Great Western and Iron Mountain Furnaces, 1846-1920
6. Iron Works – Peytona Furnace, 1805-1871

#### **Box 8**

1. Land Records – 1798-1901
2. Newspapers – 1887-1968
3. Nightriders – 1818-1908
4. Oil Industry – 1865-1937
5. Post Offices and Villages – Land Between the Lakes, 1815-1967
6. Post Offices and Villages – Land Between the Lakes, 1822-1960

#### **Box 9**

1. Post Offices and Villages – Model, 1853-1937
2. Post Offices and Villages – Tennessee Ridge, 1850-1917
3. Post Offices and Villages – Tharpe, 1883-1937
4. Schools – Board of Education, 1806-1956
5. Schools – Records, 1804-1948
6. Timber Industry – Kentucky and Tennessee, 1852-1935
7. Whiskey Industry – 1811-1967